



Smaller children should always be with an adult. It's best to take little ones out early.

Know what neighborhoods they will be in.

Don't allow them in areas with which you are not completely comfortable.

Have the children stay in a group.

Let them know what time to be home.

Give them a cell phone to use if necessary.

Keep Pets INSIDE

Cross only at the corners, never dart out between parked cars –use sidewalks

Cover one side of the street at a time, no criss-crossing.

Never go inside someone's home

Never accept a ride in a car.

Only approach houses where the outside lights are ON as a signal of welcome.

Bring their bags home to be checked by an adult before eating a single treat.

## COSTUMES

- Children should carry a flashlight and their costumes should be bright-colored or have reflective tape to highlight them.
- Be sure all parts of the costume are labeled flame retardant.
- Costumes should not have trailing material or tails long enough to cause falls.
- Pointed objects such as swords and devils' forks should be made of soft material.
- If your child wears a mask instead of make-up on their face, double check that the eye holes are large enough to see through clearly.

- Children should wear sturdy shoes and temperature appropriate clothing underneath their costumes.



## FIREWORKS

- Firecrackers, cherry bombs, and party poppers cause many injuries and fires on Halloween.
- These are dangerous and should not be used by children, teens or adults. Besides the physical danger and the fire hazards involved, fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts.

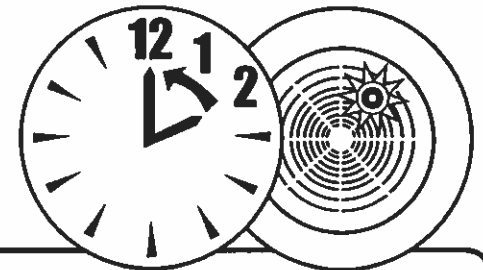


## DECORATIONS

- Use a small flashlight or battery-operated candle in pumpkins instead of an open-flame candle.
- Keep dried leaves and cornstalks away from all flames and heat sources.
- Only use flame-proof crepe paper.

## CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

- Each year around Halloween, we turn the clocks back one hour. This is a good time to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- This year, buy batteries along with your Halloween candy and on Sunday, November 3



**Change your clocks.  
Change your batteries.**

## CHECKING TREATS + WELCOMING TRICK OR TREATERS

- Make sure your own home is well-lit and that there is a clear path to your door. Bicycles and lawn furniture can trip youngsters in the dark.



- Throw out anything that appears tampered with, home-made foods or home-packaged foods unless you are certain of the source.
- Inspect fruit closely and take away treats that may not be age appropriate. Young children may choke on things like hard candy or peanuts.

